IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of MAIL STOP AF Mark Lawrence Williams Group Art Unit: 2462 Examiner: LEON T. ANDREWS Application No.: 10/581,791 Filed: June 6, 2006 Confirmation No.: 5493 Title: A METHOD FOR ESTIMATING A SYSTEM STATE IN A NETWORK NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner. The appeal fee was previously paid on _____. Therefore, no appeal fee is now required. \bowtie The fee for this appeal is: □ \$ 540 □ \$ 270 Charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due. \boxtimes Charge \$ 540 to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. \boxtimes A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. Small entity status is hereby claimed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. Respectfully submitted, BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC Date: May 19, 2010 By: /Shawn B. Cage/ Shawn B. Cage

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